Public Works Administration Office Hours: 8am to 5pm 318-673-6300



Welcome to the City of Shreveport. The list below is of dos & don'ts for your weekly curbside garbage and recycling collection, if you have any questions please contact us at 318-673-6300.

Dos

- Place your carts on the curb no later than 7:00 a.m. on the morning of your collection day.
- Put all cardboard boxes, newspaper, magazines, office paper, telephone books, shopping catalogs, mail, plastic & glass bottles, aluminum cans, detergent bottles and milk jugs in your **BLUE** recycling cart.
- Call Public Works <u>a day</u> before your garbage day to schedule large or unusual items for pickup.
- Cut yard waste up in 4ft lengths, 4inches in diameter and less than 75lbs so it will be picked.
- All items that need to be collected must be placed within 10 feet of the curb.
- Containerize waste with 36 gallon bags or smaller, this keeps your can clean, enables crew to provide you with a quicker and cleaner service.
- <u>ALL</u> waste generated by contract work (i.e. tree cutting, carpet replacement, remodeling materials) should be hauled off by the contractor and not placed on the curbside.
- To avoid problems with maggots, during hot weather, wash your can out with ammonia & water solution weekly. Leaving some of the solution in the can to reduce odors as well.
- Report damaged City cans; we replace or repair them at no charge.
- If you need more than one can you may lease an additional garbage can for a one time fee of \$50.00. There is no additional fee for recycling cans.
- Request the garbage can size you prefer, we have a small can (64 gal.) and a large can (96 gal.).
- We service <u>small businesses</u> that are able to use the 96 gal. cart and can comply with our regulations for businesses. Call our office for additional information.

Don'ts

- **Do not** ask garbage crews to collect waste from your carport/garage/flat bed trailer, this is prohibited.
- **Do not** put <u>non-recyclables</u> in the **BLUE** recycling cart non recyclables include: food waste, yard waste, furniture, appliances, toys, auto parts, tires, batteries, garden hoses, aerosol cans, electronics, wood, rocks, bricks, dirt, paint buckets, construction materials, kitty litter, diapers, and cloth.
- **Do not** place anything you want to keep (i.e. child's toy) close to the trash pile on the pickup day. Garbage crew could mistake this as part of the trash to be picked up.
- **Do not** block accessibility to trash/garbage/recycling cans with vehicles.
- **Do not** keep pets close to where garbage/trash/recyclables are collected.
- **Do not** put hazardous waste (i.e. oil, paint) in garbage/recycling cart. Shreveport offers a special hazardous waste collection call Shreveport Green at 219-1888 for more information.
- **Do not** place hot coals or fireworks in the carts. This can cause fires inside the cart or the truck.
- **Do not** place dead animals in garbage cart. A special truck is designated for this service. The animal **must** be placed on the curbside for pickup. Call Public Works at 673-6300 to report a dead animal.
- **Do not** leave your can on the curb it must be put up by 10 p.m. on the day that it was collected.
- **For Handicapped/Backdoor Customers** Do not place your garbage can inside your carport, on your porch, or behind a fence as our regulations do not permit workers to collect garbage within these areas of your home.
- **Do not** borrow your neighbors can. Each address is allowed 1(one) garbage can unless you have leased an additional one. Additional cans that were not leased will be picked up.